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SUBJECT: DRAFT WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON US-TURKISH DCA AND RELATED  
ISSUES

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED LOW-KEY ANNOUNCEMENT TO  
BE MADE BY THE WHITE HOUSE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31. BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY HAVE  
AGREED THAT THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SIGNED ON MARCH 25,  
1976 BUT NEVER APPROVED BY EITHER THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS OR THE  
TURKISH PARLIAMENT, WILL BE RENEGOTIATED. NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW AND

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MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY DEFENSE COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN  
TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES WILL COMMENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IN ORDER FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH  
TURKEY, AND THE NATO DEFENSE POSTURE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN,  
PRESIDENT CARTER WILL ASK THE CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION TO REPEAL  
SECTION 620 (X) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, WHICH IMPOSES  
RESTRICTIONS ON MILITARY TRANSFERS TO TURKEY. IN ADDITION THE  
PRESIDENT IS REQUESTING THE CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE \$175 MILLION IN  
FMS CREDITS TO TURKEY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979, THE SAME AMOUNT

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PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS FOR FY 1978. BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS  
ECONOMIC SITUATION NOW FACING TURKEY, THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO ASKING  
THE CONGRESS TO APPROVE A \$50 MILLION SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE  
LOAN FOR TURKEY FOR FY 1979.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM FOR TURKEY WILL BE MORE FULLY  
DESCRIBED IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS NOW SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST WEEK  
IN APRIL.

IN: CONNECTION WITH THOSE HEARINGS, THE PRESIDENT WILL ALSO  
ASK CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE \$140 MILLION IN PMS CREDITS FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 1979 FOR GREECE, THE SAME AMOUNT PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS FOR  
FY 1978. END TEXT.

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2. IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO BRIEF THE GREEKS AND CYPRIOTS PRIOR TO  
RELEASE. FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS (LEADERSHIP, SENIOR  
MEMBERS OF SFRC AND HIRC) MAY ALSO BE PRUDENT. PERHAPS THE RELEASE  
DATE WILL HAVE TO SLIP A LITTLE. BUT ANY MAJOR SLIPPAGE WOULD NOT  
ALLOW TIME FOR ECEVIT (OR DENTASH) TO RELEASE CYPRUS PLANS A FEW  
DAYS PRIOR TO CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AS HE WISHES TO DO. GDS.  
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